Annual supply of medicines to the District Hospitals.

404 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the months in which the annual supply of medicines was made to the District Hospital of Quilon, Alleppey and Trivandrum for the years 1108-1113 M. E.; and

(*b*) the number of in-patients and out-patients treated in those hospitals during each of those years?

VAIDYASASTRA KUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*a*) and (*b*) *Statements containing the information required are placed on the table.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Is it a fact that in all the hospitals of the State there is a shortage of medicine during certain months of the year?

VAIDYASASTRA KUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Yes, Sir. There was some shortage of certain drugs in some of the institutions for a short time. But there was no shortage of all medicines in all the institutions.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the reason for that shortage?

VAIDYASASTRA KUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: The reasons were twofold: First the annual supply of drugs was received a little late and secondly the packing cases in which drugs have to be sent to the various institutions were not received in time.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that there is a general complaint that the supplies are not sufficient?

VAIDYASASTRA KUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Sir I do not think there is such a general complaint. For a short time as I stated there was some shortage of certain drugs. But I am not aware of a general complaint of insufficiency of drugs throughout the year.

PRESIDENT: Has the shortage been remedied?

VAIDYASASTRA KUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Yes, Sir.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether half diet is given to the in-patients in the hospitals?

VAIDYASASTRA KUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Half diet is not the only diet given to patients some patients have half diets. Doctors prescribe such diets as are suitable for the patients.

Inspectors of the Agricultural Department.

405 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Inspectors of the Agricultural Department and of their office staff?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): A †statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

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Appendix IV (*a*)

Vide Answer to Question No. 404.

Statement showing the months in which annual supplies were made.

Year.	General Hospital	District Hospital Quilon.	District Hospital Alleppey.
1108 M. E.	Kanni	Thulam	Kanni
1109 do.	do.	do.	Vrischigom
1110 do.	do.	Vrischigom	do.
1111 do.	do.	Thulam	Kanni
1112 do.	Thulam	do.	Vrischigom
1113 do.	Vrischigom	Makaram	Dhanu

Appendix IV. (*b*)

Vide Answer to Question No. 404

Statement showing the number of In and Out-patients treated.

Year.		General Hospital	District Hospital Quilon	District Hospital Alleppey.
1108	In-patients ...	6,109	2,575	2,064
	Out-patients ...	50,980	51,690	49,735
1109	In-patients ...	7,514	3,280	1,806
	Out-patients ...	63,499	50,171	41,321
1110	In-patient ...	11,888	3,779	1,949
	Out-patients ...	72,597	50,648	44,643
1111	In-patients ...	12,935	3,672	1,822
	Out-patients ...	74,039	47,624	39,763
1112	In-patient s ...	12,761	4,086	2,336
	Out patients ...	74,874	57,669	45,616
1113	In-patients ...	16,448	5,155	2,700
	Out-patients ...	84,254	71,660	61,653

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